

gress of the causes of removal, as expressed in the act of July 1, 1902, transfers the power of removal from the Commissioners to the District Supreme Court.

In regard to this, Justice Barnard says: "This last contention, it seems to me, cannot be maintained, for the act nowhere takes away the power of the Commissioners to remove, but only takes away their right to remove for cause satisfactory to them, the causes now being designated by the legislature to be inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance in office, either of these causes, if existing, would authorize the Commissioners to remove such officer, and the fact of the existence of any such cause must be ascertained in some way, and decided by the Commissioners themselves.

Commissioners Sole Judges.

The statute in no way prescribes what manner of trial the Commissioners shall hold, or how they shall find out if any cause exists for which they can remove the officer, but that fact they must ascertain in some way satisfactory to themselves.

"If they should make a mistake in deciding that any such cause existed, or should fail in any step in the proceeding to ascertain the existence of any such cause, can it be said that they are acting without jurisdiction and that their judgment is, therefore, void? Will not their judgment be binding and final against collateral attack, the same as the judgment of any other court?"

"A court, or an administrative officer, having authority to do a certain thing, may do that thing erroneously, but still within the power conferred upon it by the legislature, and its judgment cannot be reviewed by a proceeding for mandamus by reason of any erroneous exercise of such jurisdiction.

The hearing in this case in open court, shows that the Commissioners reached the conclusion that the relator was inefficient in office, from testimony taken by their predecessors, on what is supposed to be a real hearing, at which the relator was present in person, and by counsel, and in which he gave his testimony, and also from an investigation carried on by a committee in Congress, wherein the relator was present, and the committee reported that the relator was inefficient in office, and guilty of malfeasance in office, and that they in good faith exercised their power of removal, first giving the relator an opportunity to resign, with thirty days' leave of absence, and that the relator declined to accept.

On these grounds Justice Barnard denied the mandamus and dismissed the petition.

Commissioners Pleased With Court's Ruling

The District Commissioners were much gratified at Justice Barnard's decision. "I am very glad to learn that the position of the Board of Commissioners has been sustained by the District Supreme Court in the Kalbfus case," said Commissioner Newman, president of the board. "We naturally gave very careful attention to the question of our right to remove Mr. Kalbfus, and we are gratified to have our interpretation of the law and our conception of our responsibilities sustained."

Commissioner Siddle said: "As I have no knowledge of the scope of the justice's opinion, I must refrain from any comment beyond expressing my gratification that the action of the Commissioners in removing Mr. Kalbfus has been sustained by the District Supreme Court in the Kalbfus case. I have never for a moment had a doubt as to the necessity or propriety of the action the Commissioners felt compelled to take, unpleasant though it may have been."

Look For Miss McCann In Schuylkill River

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Fearing that Jessie Evelyn McCann, Brooklyn Sunday school teacher, who disappeared one week ago, drowned herself, detectives centered their search today along the banks of the Schuylkill river. All clues in West Philadelphia were exhausted last night.

WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature.

For Maryland—Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer; moderate southwest winds.

For Virginia—Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer in north and east portion tonight; light to moderate west winds.

For Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey—Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer; moderate southwest winds.

The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and at other places:

U. S. BUREAU.	AFFLUCK'S.
8 a. m. 26	8 a. m. 22
9 a. m. 28	9 a. m. 24
10 a. m. 30	10 a. m. 26
11 a. m. 32	11 a. m. 28
12 noon 34	12 noon 30
1 p. m. 36	1 p. m. 32
2 p. m. 38	2 p. m. 34

TIDE TABLE.
High tide, 4:57 a. m. and 7:04 p. m.
Low tide, 1:12 a. m. and 1:06 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises, 7:57; Sun sets, 4:41.

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J. BARTON MILLER.

Garrison Sounds Warning to Army

Officers of the army, and especially those higher up, with aspirations to succeed Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood as chief of staff, are somewhat perplexed by the warning of Secretary Garrison that any officer whose friends seek to have him named to the coveted post, will lose all chances of getting the appointment.

In times past, the fact that the office of chief of staff was about to become vacant usually caused a general scramble on the part of the friends of candidates. Influences of all kinds would be brought to bear on the Secretary of War, Secretary Garrison, in announcing that Major General Wood would not be re-elected to the position at the expiration of his four-year term, next April, phrased his warning in the following succinct fashion:

"I would consider it just as much an impertinence for a man to tell me whom I should name as chief of staff as for any one to tell me whom I should marry. The chief of staff is the closest military adviser which the Secretary has, and must be persona grata to him. The moment I hear of a campaign being started in the interest of any officer for the place, that moment will end all chance of that officer getting it. There is but one man in the United States who can influence me in this respect, and that man is Woodrow Wilson."

Loaded With Jewels, Landed in Station

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A woman who was said to be Mrs. Howard Fay, of 261 Old York street, Philadelphia, was brought to the West Thirtieth street police station last night by friends to be taken care of. She had many diamonds.

Thomas Eckert said he knew her slightly as the wife of a railroad official, and had been endeavoring to get her into some hotel, but had been refused. The diamonds she wore were worth many thousands of dollars, and he said he feared something would happen to her.

Anna Held Greeted Bailiff With Roses

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—City Court Justice Green decided yesterday that Anna Held was properly served with a summons in an action of the Hexter Stable Company for \$28 automobile hire, although she contended to the contrary. The process server said that when Miss Held came off the steamer on her arrival in New York last September her arms were full of roses, but she managed to reach out her hand and accept the summons. She declared her manager took the summons.

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MILLER TAKEN TO JAIL IN TAXICAB

Former Building Association Officer Surrendered By Bondsman.

John Barton Miller, former secretary and treasurer of the First Co-Operative Building Association of Georgetown, convicted of embezzlement of funds of the association and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary, was surrendered today by his bondsmen, George W. Ray, and within the next two weeks will be taken to either the Maryland State penitentiary, at Baltimore, or Atlanta, Ga., or to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

After his surrender, Miller was taken to the City Hall. From there he was whisked to the United States jail in a taxicab.

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He will remain at the jail until the prison where he will serve his term has been designated.

Miller had three trials in the District Supreme Court, and the Court of Appeals granted him two new trials, refusing a third new trial several weeks ago. The case was carried to the United States Supreme Court, but that tribunal declined to review the judgment of the lower courts.

The mandate from the Court of Appeals was presented to Chief Justice Clabaugh in Criminal Court, No. 1, today by United States Attorney Clarence R. Wilson, who asked for the surrender of Miller.

Money For Forest Fires.

Authority to hire many extra forest rangers during the summer, when forest fires are most frequent, and lay off rangers during the winter was sought today from the House Agricultural Committee by Chief Forester Graves. He asked \$100,000 more to fight forest fires next year.

Favors Mountain Laurel.

The suggestion that the mountain laurel be made the national flower of the United States was made in the

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C. W. Kanolt, Physicist, Gets Salary Increase

The Department of Commerce today issued a statement announcing the following changes in its personnel: Clarence W. Kanolt, associate physicist in the Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, has been promoted to \$2,300. The appointment of Herman A. Kuehn as aid at \$200, in the Coast and Geodetic Survey, has been terminated.

Confessed Murderer Tries to Kill Self

WAHOO, Neb., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Maggie Johnson, on trial for the murder of her husband, and described as "a mature woman with the brain of an infant," swallowed a bottle of carbolic acid, as the jury filed in. Mrs. Johnson is believed to be dying. The verdict has not been returned.

Mrs. Johnson had confessed she killed her husband, because he was cruel to her. One of her seven small children testified he held a lantern so that his mother might cut the father's body to pieces and dispose of it.

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